

## Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 032093

64  
ORIGIN SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /031 R

DRAFTED BY EA/TB:JBDEXTER:AVW

APPROVED BY EA:AWHUMMEL

S/S:O G. TWOHIE

----- 069672

R 152355Z FEB 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

S E C R E T STATE 032093

EXDIS

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, TH

SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THAI INTERNAL POLITICAL  
CHANGE

1. ON THE BASIS OF MISSION REPORTING, WE ARE REASONABLY  
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THAI POLITICAL STABILITY OVER THE NEXT  
FEW MONTHS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO GIVE  
THOUGHT TO HOW THE U.S. SHOULD REACT IN THE EVENT OF A  
SUDDEN COUP OR ATTEMPTED RETURN TO POWER BY THE MILITARY  
(OR ANY OTHER CONCEIVABLE GROUP). IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES  
WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE WERE ANY ACTIONS  
WE COULD TAKE TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF EVENTS -- FOR  
EXAMPLE, IF WE SHOULD HAVE ADVANCE INFORMATION THAT A COUP  
WAS BEING PREPARED OR IF A COUP ATTEMPT SHOULD RESULT IN  
AN EXTENDED POWER STRUGGLE. UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES,  
WE MIGHT HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT A FAIT ACCOMPLI,  
ADAPTING AND REACTING TO THE NEW SITUATION IN A MANNER  
CALCULATED TO SERVE U.S. SHORT- AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS.  
IN EITHER CASE, WE MIGHT HAVE TO REACT AND MAKE IMPORTANT  
DECISIONS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.

2. WE WOULD ACCORDINGLY LIKE YOU TO DEVELOP SOME HYPO-  
THETICAL SCENARIOS FOR POSSIBLE THAI INTERNAL POLITICAL  
SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 032093

CONTINGENCIES, TO ASSESS HOW THEY MIGHT AFFECT U. S.  
INTERESTS AND TO MAKE GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE U.S.  
MIGHT BEST RESPOND. RUSH

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 27 JUL 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REPORTS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, CONTINGENCY PLANNING, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 15 FEB 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE032093  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EA/TB:JBDEXTER:AVW  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 GDS  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** P740146-2052  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740268/abbrzcgm.tel  
**Line Count:** 56  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12 AUG 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12-Aug-2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <17 DEC 2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR THAI INTERNAL POLITICAL CHANGE  
**TAGS:** PINT, TH, US  
**To:** BANGKOK  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005